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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Huanmin ZHANG et al

SERIAL NO: New U.S. Application

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FOR: ISOLATED POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING A FERTILITY ASSOCIATED  
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number **60/218,140**, filed **July 14, 2000**, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**.
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

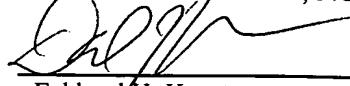
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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number . Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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